AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A particulate laundry detergent composition, which comprises

(a) a minor amount of a herbal extract beneficial to human skin, the herbal extract being present in the form of granules comprising an aqueous solution of the herbal extract absorbed into and/or adsorbed onto a granular clay carrier; and

(b) a detergent surfactant.

2. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the herbal extract is aloe vera.

3. (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 2, which comprises from 0.0001 to 0.0050 wt%, preferably from 0.0005 to 0.0010 wt%, of aloe vera, based ~~(~~on a 100 wt% dry matter basis~~)~~.

4. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the granules have a 1 wt% aqueous solution pH not exceeding 9.0, preferably not exceeding 8.5, more preferably not exceeding 8.0.

5. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the granules further comprise a colourant whereby they are rendered visually distinct from the bulk of the composition.

6. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein the colourant is green.

7. (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 8, wherein the granules contain from 0.005 to 0.5 wt%, preferably from 0.01 to 0.25 wt%, of aloe vera, based ~~(~~on a 100 wt% dry matter basis~~)~~.

8. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the granules contain from 90 to 99 wt% of the inorganic carrier material.

9. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the granules further comprise a polymeric binder.

10. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the granules are present in the composition in an amount of from 0.5 to 5 wt%, preferably from 1 to 3 wt%.

11. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the surfactant comprises an anionic sulphonate or sulphate surfactant and an ethoxylated nonionic surfactant in a weight ratio not exceeding 2:1, preferably not exceeding 1.5:1.

12. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the surfactant comprises one or more surfactants mild to the skin.

13. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein the surfactant comprises one or more surfactants selected from alkylpolyglycosides and highly ethoxylated alcohol nonionic surfactants having an average degree of ethoxylation of from 15 to 40, preferably from 10 to 30.

14. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in any preceding claim, which is free of enzymes.

15. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in any preceding claim, which contains clay particles in addition to that which is acting as carrier.

16. (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, which is a built particulate detergent composition in powder or tablet form comprising:

(a) from 5 to 40 wt% of organic detergent surfactant,

(b) from 10 to 80 wt% of detergency builder,

(c) from 0.5 to 5 wt%, preferably from 1 to 3 wt%, of coloured granules comprising aloe vera and a clay carrier, the granules providing from 0.0001 to 0.0050 wt%, preferably from 0.0005 to 0.0010 wt%, of aloe vera based ~~(~~on a 100 wt% dry matter basis~~)~~.

17. (Currently Amended) A built particulate detergent composition as claimed in claim 16, which comprises:

(i) from 5 to 25 wt% of an anionic sulphonate or sulphate surfactant,
(ii) from 1 to 10 wt% of an ethoxylated alcohol nonionic surfactant,
(iii) from 0.5 to 5 wt% of alkylpolyglycoside,
(iv) from 10 to 80 wt% of detergency builder and
(v) from 0.5 to 5 wt%, preferably from 1 to 3 wt%, of coloured granules comprising aloe vera and a clay carrier, the granules providing from 0.0001 to 0.0050 wt%, preferably from 0.0005 to 0.0010 wt%, of aloe vera based ~~(~~on a 100 wt% dry matter basis~~)~~,
(vi) optionally other detergent ingredients to 100 wt%.

18. (Currently Amended) A built particulate laundry detergent composition as claimed in claim ~~17~~16, which comprises:

(i) from 5 to 25 wt% of an anionic sulphonate or sulphate surfactant,
(ii) from 1 to 10 wt% of an ethoxylated alcohol nonionic surfactant having an alkyl chain length of from C_8 to C_{18} and an average degree of ethoxylation of from 3 to 10,

(iii) from 1 to 5 wt% of a highly ethoxylated alcohol nonionic surfactant having an average degree of ethoxylation of from 15 to 40,

(iv) from 10 to 80 wt% of detergency builder and

(v) from 0.5 to 5 wt%, preferably from 1 to 3 wt%, of coloured granules comprising aloe vera and an inorganic carrier material, the granules providing from 0.0001 to 0.0050 wt%, preferably from 0.0005 to 0.0010 wt%, of aloe vera based ~~(~~on a 100 wt% dry matter basis~~)~~,

(vi) optionally other detergent ingredients to 100 wt%.

19. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in any preceding claim, which is in the form of a powder having a bulk density of from 500 to 1000 g/l or a tablet.